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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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The Honorable Geng Biao  
Vice Premier of the State Council  
People's Republic of China  
Beijing, China

Dear Vice Premier Geng:

Once again, I want to express my sincere appreciation to you and your colleagues for a most interesting and productive visit to your country. Our talks were beneficial in identifying common interests and laying the groundwork for parallel actions, as well as providing a forum for discussing and narrowing our differences. As the first substantive contacts between our two defense establishments, our meetings marked the beginning of what I hope will be a series of such exchanges. I look forward to welcoming you in the United States at a mutually convenient time, and to further conversations.

I also found the visits to the 6th Armored Division, the 38th Air Division, and the East Sea Fleet to be extremely interesting. I was especially impressed by the dedication and enthusiasm of the military personnel of these units and the professionalism of their leaders. Please convey my comments and thanks for their efforts to the members of these units.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

*Harold Brown*

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